

COTTONWOOD CREEK

February 4, 1980

Meeting was held with the water users of Cottonwood Creek at 1:00 pm in the Commissioner's Room of the Emery Co. Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by Donald C. Norseth, who acted as Chairman and conducted the meeting.

Mr. Norseth first read the petition of the water users for the appointment of a Commissioner. He also read Title 73-5-1 of the Utah Code which outlines the method setting up a water distribution system, the commissioner's duties, responsibilities, etc., and the financial arrangements for the system. Mr. Norseth explained what the law meant and how a system actually operates. No comments were made nor questions asked.

A tentative budget was presented. It was explained that a savings could be realized by combining two small systems (such as Cottonwood and Huntington). No comments were made nor questions asked.

Assessments were outlined. It was suggested that assessments be on an "acre-ft. of water delivered" basis. This basis is easy for the State Engineer to keep track of and is fair to the users.

It was mentioned that a committee was formed in the meeting held with Huntington Creek. It was suggested that the Water Users of Cottonwood Creek appoint a committee to meet on Feb. 20, 1980.

Mr. Eugene Johansen made a statement that 1) it was not clear that a water commissioner was needed, 2) that records are available from the Conservancy Office on request, 3) that the "commissioner" presently on the Creek would have his work duplicated, and 4) he would like an explanation as to why a new commissioner is needed.

Mr. Tom Forsgren of UP&L spoke on their interest in having a commissioner and why they signed the petition.

There was considerable discussion as to the actual need for a commissioner.

It was suggested that three people be sent to the meeting on Feb. 20, 1980.

COTTONWOOD COMMITTEE

Upper Private Users	Clay Willburg
District	Johansen
Cottonwood Irr. Co.	Lee Humphry
Lower Private Users	John Jorgenson
Utah Power	Tom Forsgren

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28.

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ATTENDEES:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Arthur V. May	"
Mark Williams	Wilcox Seely Ditch
Clyde Kofford	"
Gale Jorgensen	Willsonville Ditch
Ray Jorgensen	"
Ira Lee J. Jagnuson	Wilberg Ditch
Fen V. Huntington	Upper Joe's Valley
La Von Oviatt	H. C. Irr. Co.
Lynn Guymon	Huntington Cleve.
Milton McEhrang	"
Lee Humphrey	Orangeville
Clyde Sherman	Emery Water Conservancy
Craig Johansen	Cottonwood Creek Irr. Co.
Eugene Johansen	Emery Water Conservancy
Ronald Gibb	Huntington Cleveland Irr. Co.
J. G. Haight	Utah Power & Light
Tom Forsgren	"
Robert White	Water & Power Resources Services
John Jorgensen	Cottonwood Irr. & Wilson Ville
Pat Winters	
Montel Seeley	Wilcox Seely Ditch
Jack Pressett	Black Canyon Ditch
Clay Wilberg	" " "
Jim Nielsen	S.C.S.
Arthur Olsen	Black Canyon & Mill Ditches